



2015 NAPA VALLEY, RUTHERFORD ESTATE VINEYARD CABERNET FRANC

St. Supéry Estate Vineyards and Winery is a 100% Estate Grown, sustainably farmed winery located in the renowned Rutherford growing region in the heart of Napa Valley. The vineyard sits on the “Rutherford Bench” of mineral-rich alluvial and well-drained soils allowing the grapevine’s root systems to mine for nutrients and water, yielding complex and concentrated flavors. Committed to producing the highest quality estate wines without compromise, we focus on sustainable winery and farming operations to protect the land and environment for future generations.

WINEMAKER’S NOTES Dense with dark reds and purples in the glass. Aromas of anise, black pepper, leather and dried tobacco leaves are ripe and opulent complemented by a subtle thread of rhubarb. Flavors of dried black plum and cassis couple with dark chocolate and a dusty fine-grain of tannin on the palate. This is a structured wine with excellent length.

VINTAGE 2015 Despite good rainfall in December of 2014, January and February of 2015 brought warm, spring-like daytime temperatures with minimal precipitation. Little rain was recorded in March and April and as the temperatures cooled, the fruit set slowly over three weeks. May stayed warm and we experienced significant hot spells in June, July and August. Cabernet Franc harvest kicked off on September 20, and while the yields were light, the quality of our fruit was terrific. In the cool morning hours, the grapes were harvested by hand and brought to the winery where they were hand sorted. 6% of the sorted berries were placed directly into new French Oak barrels where they went through natural fermentation. The barrels were hand rolled six times a day to encourage cap maceration and extraction from the berries. After fermentation, the wine remained on the skins for an extended maceration and barrel integration. Once complete, the wine was drained and the skins removed. The drained wine then returned to the same barrel to age for 19 months.



APPELLATION
Rutherford, Napa Valley

VINEYARD
Rutherford Estate Vineyard

VARIETY/BLEND
84% Cabernet Franc
14% Merlot
2% Petit Verdot

OAK MATURATION
100% French oak (52% new French oak) for 19 months, 6% barrel fermented

PH
3.50

T. ACIDITY
5.7 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.5%

HARVEST DATES
Sept 20, 21, 25 and Oct 8, 2015

BOTTLING DATE
August 2, 2017

CASE PRODUCTION
609 cases



ESTATE GROWN + SUSTAINABLY FARMED + CERTIFIED NAPA GREEN

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